

AN ACT concerning finance.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Illinois Non-Game Wildlife Protection Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

(30 ILCS 155/4) (from Ch. 61, par. 404)

Sec. 4. (a) There is created the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund, a special fund in the State Treasury. The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount contributed to such fund pursuant to this Act and shall notify the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer of such amount to be transferred to the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund, and upon receipt of such notification the State Comptroller shall transfer such amount.

(b) The Department of Natural Resources shall deposit any donations including federal reimbursements received for the purposes in the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund.

(c) The General Assembly may appropriate annually from the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund such monies credited to such fund from the check-off contribution system provided in this Act and from other funds received for the purposes of this Act, to the Department of Natural Resources to be used for the purposes of preserving, protecting, perpetuating and enhancing non-game wildlife in this State. Beginning with fiscal year 2006, 5% of the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund must be committed to or expended on grants by the Department of Natural Resources for the maintenance of wildlife rehabilitation facilities that take care of threatened or endangered species. For purposes of calculating the 5%, the amount in the Fund is exclusive of any federal funds deposited in or credited to the Fund. The Department shall establish criteria for the grants by rules adopted in accordance with the Illinois Administrative

Procedure Act before January 1, 2006. However, no amount appropriated from the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund may be used by the Department of Natural Resources to exercise its power of eminent domain.

(Source: P.A. 88-130; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.